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Red Cross Will Act as Lawyer For Soldiers

**Their Property Interests To
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**Chairman Davison Declares
Organization Gives What
Money Cannot Buy**

PARIS, March 18.—"There are many things in the way of comforts that money cannot buy," said Henry P. Davison, chairman of the American Red Cross War Council, to The Associated Press correspondent today. "Our government has taken care of our boys and their families, but it is in the way of money. The purpose of the Red Cross is to supply our boys with those things like moral help and sympathy, which money does not supply."

"We have come here to see if there are things that can be done, and which have not been done, that would help along the efficiency of our soldiers. Before we can take our place in the front lines in such strength as can be expected from a nation as potentially powerful as our own we want to help along the morale of our Allied friends by close cooperation and other services. Our presence here is for the purpose of showing our allies that we want to play the game to the finish, and also to play every game that can be honestly played to help the one big game to a successful finish."

"Our boys are here from 3,000 to 6,000 miles away from their homes, and we have organized a service to obtain news from their families, and another service has been established for the writing of their correspondence when they are incapacitated through wounds or sickness."

Mr. Davison pointed out that a large percentage of the American soldiers are property owners in America and that most of them left so hurriedly there was no time for them to transfer their property or take such measures as securing the appointment of guardians, many of them being greatly worried over the taking care of mortgages, the payment of taxes and possible legal procedures that might be necessary.

"The Red Cross," continued Mr. Davison, "has organized a service especially to look after such cases. The property of our boys will be looked after as if they were there."

Mr. Davison expressed himself as greatly pleased with the praise and gratitude voiced by the French press for the work of the Red Cross in connection with last Friday's explosion.

"We wish to show the French people," he said, "that America's heart and soul is in this war, that we are willing to give our lives as freely as we have given our dollars, and we hope the sight of American soldiers entering the blazing fields among exploding grenades for the rescue of the wounded has given them proof of this."

Mr. Davison will be received to-night by President Poincaré and then will leave for the American front.

**'Frisco Bomb Suspect
Freed of Murder Charge**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Three charges of murder against Israel Weinberg, a jitney bus driver, which grew out of the Preparedness Day bomb explosion in 1916, were dismissed today by Superior Judge Franklin Griffith, upon motion of Edward Cunha, Assistant District Attorney.

Two similar charges against Weinberg were dismissed by Superior Judge G. H. Cabanis a month ago. Weinberg was acquitted on one of three murder charges in Superior Court. Further action on his case in that court is not to come on until April 22.

**Republican Club Gives
\$2,500 for Base Hospital**

Robert W. Bonyne, president of the Republican Club, reported yesterday that the members of the club had contributed \$2,500 as a Lincoln Memorial Fund gift to the Metropolitan Base Hospital, Unit Organization No. 48, designed for overseas service.

Dr. William Francis Howard, director of the unit, which is fully equipped with medical officers, nurses, enlisted men and supplies. The hospital unit has about \$50,000 in cash on hand, but required on Lincoln's Birthday about \$5,000 more.

Former Dock Commissioner R. A. C. Smith contributed \$1,000 to the memorial fund.

**Women Have Polling Booth
Removed From Saloon**

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., March 19.—There is a special election in this town on next Tuesday. Today the women voters, who had been looking forward to the event, discovered that one of the polling places was in a saloon.

They went before the aldermen and succeeded not only in having the saloon discarded as a polling place, but had another voting place changed from a garage to the basement of the First Baptist Church.

**Jersey Republicans Firm
In Support of President**

TRENTON, N. J., March 19.—President Wilson, as the Chief Executive of the nation, was given the support of New Jersey Republicans. The conference held here today. The conference, attended by about fifty Republican leaders from different parts of the state, conferred on the future plans of the G. O. P. in New Jersey.

The conferees met at the executive residence and were the guests of Governor Edge. The conference, decided, however, to oppose the election of Democratic candidates as a partisan proposition.

Women Outside City Cast Their First Vote

Women of New York State outside of New York City had their first opportunity to exercise their right to vote at the village elections yesterday. From reports received last night it is indicated that in most counties they turned out in numbers equal to or exceeding the men.

There was practically no change from the returns usually obtained from the former all-male vote. The few women who ran for office on the suffrage ticket were snowed under at least two to one. Party lines were apparently as sharply drawn as ever.

In the villages of Suffolk and Nassau counties the women vote more than equalled the male. Update it was generally lower.

In Rockville Centre women at the polls got their first real thrill since enfranchisement, when two of the candidates indulged in a fist fight. The contestants were adherents of Edwin W. Wright and Edward Wallace, candidates for village president, and were separated after a fast round, during which the women screamed, several tables and chairs were overturned and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Five hundred women voted from the district about the Meadow Brook Hunt Club. At Hempstead, members of the local Civic Club appointed a committee to take care of the babies while the mothers voted. Mrs. Francis S. Harris, the suffrage candidate for Village Clerk at Sag Harbor, was swamped and Caspar Shaefer, clerk for the last seven years, got his usual large majority.

Offers Evidence To Show Packers Gouged Shippers

OMAHA, March 19.—Francis J. Heney, general counsel for the Federal Trade Commission in its investigation of the nation's packing house industry, introduced evidence at the resumption of the hearings in Omaha today designed to show:

First, that the packers maintained stockyards in different cities in an effort to hold down prices paid to producers by forcing them to sell wherever quotations were the lowest.

Second, that there was an agreement in effect among the packers pro-rating the amount of livestock any one of them could buy in any market.

Third, that the influence of the packers even extended to the banks in which the cattle producers were forced to discount their notes and obtain loans.

Fourth, that millions of dollars wrong from shippers by unjustifiably large charges for yardage and feed were distributed among the packers in the form of stock dividends, which virtually amounted to a rebate.

Several letters from the files of Swift & Co. were read. Mr. Murphy, general superintendent of the Cudahy Packing Company, was examined concerning the packers' buying plan after he had testified to the extent of purchases for Cudahy & Co., Kansas City, Wichita and Sioux City. Although he declared that he knew of no agreement between the big packers to divide the cattle receipts at different yards, he added: "We know what we are entitled to. This is explained by saying that the bigger plants were entitled to the biggest receipts."

Heney then introduced a letter written to Murphy by E. A. Cudahy, in which the writer said that R. C. Howe, of Armour, had called to see him and in which he referred to "our 30 per cent of purchases of hogs."

At the bottom of the letter, Heney said, the following figures were written in pencil: "Armour & Co., 30; Cudahy, 30; Swift & Co., 25; Morris & Co., 15." Heney declared that this constituted 100 per cent of the gross receipts of hogs.

A. F. Stryker, secretary and traffic manager of the Omaha Livestock Exchange, was examined along the line which indicated that Heney was endeavoring to establish the extent of influence exerted by the packers over the market by reason of their ownership of stocks in the yards company.

In reference to the control of the yardage facilities by the packers, Stryker said that it was generally understood that Armour controlled the Omaha yards; Swift, Sioux City; Swift, St. Paul; Morris, Oklahoma City; Swift and Armour, Fort Worth; Swift and Armour, Denver; Morris, Kansas City; Armour, Chicago, and Morris, St. Louis.

**Food Profiteering
Denied by Armour**

Repeated charges that meat prices were excessively high and that packers were guilty of profiteering brought an unqualified denial yesterday from J. Ogden Armour, head of the meat packing firm of Armour & Co. At the same time Mr. Armour offered an explanation for the prevailing prices.

Mr. Armour's statement was contained in an open letter, which was in part as follows:

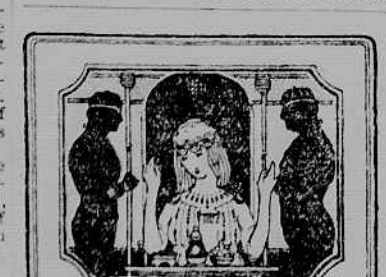
"Malicious and ill-informed persons have noted the fact that live hogs sell for 17 cents a pound, while bacon sells as high as 60 cents a pound. Immediately they raise the cry of profiteering and assert they are being robbed. The facts do not bear them out."

"So far as the packer is concerned, there is no 60-cent bacon. The finest grades are sold by the packer at 56 1/2 cents a pound."

"In contrast with this price, live hogs sell for 6 cents a pound; pig's feet, 7 cents; backbones, 5 cents; brains, 12 cents and so on. These parts are sold dressed and actually cost less than as though in the live hog."

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HARTFORD, Conn., March 19.—As the General Assembly, called into special session by Governor Marcus H. Holcomb today to provide a law through which Connecticut soldiers serving with the flag may vote in next fall's election, did not accomplish that purpose, it adjourned late today until tomorrow.

The Judiciary Committee could not agree on a redraft of a bill which would provide machinery for taking the vote.

Lords Give Women Rights at Bar

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Substitution

An editorial by A. W.

THE word "substitution" has been fraught with hidden meaning for years. It has suggested food-faking, vicious, though vivid, coloring matters, with much emphasis on a certain ingredient, designed to bluish unseen but dragged at last into the blazing light of day—benzoate of soda!

People went quite daft upon the subject of substitution. Not content with implying that certain breakfast foods were camouflaged pine shavings and that crystallized cherries were none other than the well known accessory to our Thanksgiving turkey—the lowly cranberry—they went so far as to ascertain that pulverized "egg substitute," used by bakers, made a hen's par value considerably less.

But substitution to-day has quite a different meaning. It is conservation's synonym. It is a thing to be cultivated—not condemned. Although several restrictions have been removed by the Food Administration, the American people must bear in mind that it is merely a temporary mitigation.

As soon as we have adequate tonnage—which will be very soon indeed—our shipments of food to our Allies and our armies will increase proportionately. Therefore it is best to become accustomed gradually to what is in store for us. Because the end is not yet in sight.

If you are one who has held up horror-stricken hands at the suggestion of vegetable oils in cooking, subdue your prejudice. Try them. You will find that the difference in flavor is nine-tenths imagination. The butter you release will mean a lot to the people over there.

Because you haven't fancied fish up to the present time is no reason why you may not become an excellent fish "fan," now that it is so good, so plentiful and cheap. The beef and pork you are contributing will put so many more red corpuscles into the fighting stamina over there.

Perhaps you are a person who could "just live on bread and butter." What a disaster you are to your country just now, when wheat is needed so badly! Try very hard and you'll find that green vegetables and fruit are pretty good food. Remember that bread is the staff of life behind the firing lines.

So much for substitution in its modern meaning. Practice it yourself. Uge it on your friends. It will make things far less difficult next year.

But there must be no substitution in the spirit that prompts you to do this. That spirit is patriotism—love of country—there is no "substitute" for it. There are only forgeries.

What we need now is sensible conservation and a disposition to work and produce more.

Less Conservation and More Work

Was the way Roy Pelletier, an American citizen of English birth expressed it at the Rotary Lunch Meeting. Mr. Pelletier said the trouble is when you talk economy, most people misunderstand and put the money in the sock. And that's no good to the government in war times. The United States is the home of extravagance and China the cradle of economy. Compare the two nations for world progress. What we need here now is less conservation and more work. Turn our materials into something needed and keep the money circulating. What is economy in Europe is not economy here. This country was flooded on the surplus of our extravagance. The only actual shortage of anything in this country is ships. If the docks and terminals were cleared there would be enough cars to distribute all other products. We must stand back of our government in full force, but penny wise and pound foolish isn't going to win this war.

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